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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM PRESIDENT TO LEONE

1. PLEASE FORWARD TO PRESIDENT LEONE FOLLOWING MESSAGE  
ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT FORD.

"OCTOBER 8, 1974

"DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

"IT WAS A REAL PLEASURE FOR MRS. FORD AND ME TO WELCOME YOU  
AND MRS. LEONE TO WASHINGTON DURING YOUR RECENT VISIT. I  
HOPE THAT YOU BOTH HAD AN ENJOYABLE STAY IN THE UNITED  
STATES.

"AS WE NOTED AT OUR FIRST MEETING ON THE SOUTH LAWN OF THE  
WHITE HOUSE, ITALY AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE CLOSE TIES  
THAT BIND OUR TWO PEOPLES TOGETHER. THE MAGNIFICENT GIFTS  
YOU AND YOUR FAMILY BROUGHT FOR MY FAMILY AND ME WILL SERVE  
AS REMINDERS OF YOUR VISIT AND AS REFLECTIONS OF THAT  
SPECIAL SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP WHICH UNITES OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

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"I APPRECIATED THE OPPORTUNITY WHICH YOUR TRIP AFFORDED FOR

OUR DISCUSSIONS ON MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST, PARTICULARLY  
THE WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION. I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUED  
CLOSE COOPERATION WITH YOU AND BETWEEN OUR GOVERNMENTS AS

WE WORK TO ACHIEVE THAT PROSPERITY TO WHICH ALL MANKIND IS  
ENTITLED.

"MRS. FORD AND I ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SPECIAL  
MESSAGE OF CONCERN AND FRIENDSHIP WHICH AMBASSADOR ORTONA  
SO KINDLY CONVEYED. KNOWING THAT WE ARE IN THE THOUGHTS  
OF THE ITALIAN PEOPLE MEANS A GREAT DEAL TO BOTH OF US.

"WITH WARMEST PERSONAL REGARDS TO YOU, MRS. LEONE, AND  
YOUR SONS,

"SINCERELY, SIGNED GERALD R. FORD" KISSINGER

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